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In his talks concerning Congress' adjournment and the bills they have acted upon, Mr. Lewis made the following statement about Radio Free Europe:

"USIA would like to have a \$10,000,000 appropriation that would enable them to build a powerful radio transmitter that will reach out behind the iron curtain and get to the people of Russia as a solution for the Russian broadcasts of propaganda--which is all very fine, except that we already have the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe, which claim that they are doing a superb and stupendously effective job of reaching those very people already; and they both claim a listening audience of upwards of 100,000,000 people. Their signals are being constantly jammed by the Russians. Why it would be supposed that the signals of this new \$10,000,000 station wouldn't be jammed I don't know. When I challenge those claims by Radio Free Europe and Voice of America over the air, by the way, those two organizations rise up in righteous indignation, horrified indignation, and say that they have mail from behind the curtain to prove their listening audience figures and that I don't know what I'm talking about. It has to be one or the other. Here is the same Voice of America coming to Congress with a poor mouth and saying now that it must not have ten--that was the reduced figure that was under consideration--what they told Congress was that they have to have \$23,500,000 dollars to build new transmitters so that they can compete with the Russians. It all sounds very contradictory to me."